

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know what is the reasonable time for submitting such an estimate by the Chief Engineer.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Sir, I submit it is a matter of opinion.

President : That depends upon the nature of the work.

Profits from the Perumpavur Munsiff's Court.

16. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the net profits from the Munsiff's Court at Perumpavur range between Rs. 14,000 and Rs. 20,000 per annum?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : The net profits for five years from 1105 to 1109 ranged between Rs. 17,930 and Rs. 24,836.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : In view of the answer that the net profits rose from Rs. 17,930 to Rs. 24,836, will the Government be pleased to take up the construction of a new building at an early date?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : I have already answered that Government have taken the necessary action in the matter.

Submission of alternative designs by P. W. D. Contractors.

17. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that when tenders are called for P. W. D. Works the contractors are required to submit alternative designs of the proposed work to be done ;

(b) whether it is a fact that contracts are invariably given to those who submit alternative designs irrespective of the fact that there are other applicants for the same with reduced tenders and competent to work out the same satisfactorily ; and

(c) whether there are not competent trained hands in the department to prepare clear and proper designs ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (a) No, but are invited to, in certain classes of important works.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : In view of answer to part (c), may I ask wherein lies the necessity for ordering designs from the contractors ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : In important works, we invite alternative designs from specialists to take advantage of their expert knowledge.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : When alternative designs are submitted, may I know whether the department will call for other tenders to ascertain the lowest value of that work ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Will the member please repeat the question ?

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : When contractors submit alternative designs, may I know whether the Chief Engineer calls for tenders from other contractors to ascertain on what amount they are willing to take up that work ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : The design is the property of the tenderer.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know what will be the cost of such an alternative design ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : That depends on the cost of the work.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai (*Municipal Councils*) : May I know whether any design is prepared by the department before tenders are invited ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Yes.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I ask if a particular design is supplied by a tenderer, is the department bound to give that work to that contractor ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : No.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : Then, may I know what is meant by the answer that the design is the property of the contractor ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : I may supplement that by saying that if that design and tender are considered as the best taking all aspects into consideration, then the work will be given to that contractor.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : My point is whether the department is bound to give that work to that contractor if his design receives the approval of the department ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Yes.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : Then may I know, so far as the department is concerned, where is the chance for effecting economy when the design is not allowed to be made use of by other contractors who are prepared to execute the work at a lower rate ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : The design submitted by a particular contractor is compared with the departmental design and the designs submitted by the competitive tenderers and if that is considered to be the best design from all aspects, then it is accepted.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Then may I ask, why not pay the contractor who submitted the design first and then invite for other tenders?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I do not see any reason to do like that.

Complaints against the Personal Assistant to the Chief Engineer.

18. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam** (*Muvattunuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any complaints have been raised by any one against the Personal Assistant to the Chief Engineer?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: No.

Distinction between trained and untrained V. S. L. C. Teachers.

19. * **Mr. Haji Hassan Yacoob Sait** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to the fact that in their order R. Dis. No. 406 of 29/Edn., dated 25th April 1929, while a distinction has been made between trained and untrained V. H. teachers in V. M. Schools, no distinction has been made between trained and untrained V. S. L. C. teachers in Primary Schools, in spite of the additional expense incurred by trained teachers to obtain additional qualifications?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes—the training bar was not introduced for V. S. L. C. holders since it was not possible to provide training facilities for so large a number of teachers.

Training Schools in North Travancore.

20. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Training Schools in North Travancore north of Ettumanur;

(b) the number of applications received to conduct Training Schools this year; of these, how many were sanctioned and where and which they are; and

(c) whether any applications were received in this connection from Vazhakulam in Todupuzha taluk, and if so, the reason for rejecting the application?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: (a) None.

(b) Forty-three. Of these, five applications were sanctioned; they are—